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Council for Tobacco Research -- U.S.A., Inc.
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Advisory Committee of the International Pteridine Group met at the conclusion of the 9th symposium in Zurich and selected the University of South Alabama to host the 10th International Symposium on Pteridines and Folic Acid Derivatives. Dr. June Ayling, Dr. M. G. Nair, and I have taken on the duties of the Organizing Committee. The meeting is scheduled for March 21-26, 1993, at the Perdido Beach Hilton Hotel, Orange Beach, Alabama.

I have also agreed to serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee. The purpose of this letter is to solicit financial support from Council for Tobacco Research -- U.S.A., Inc., to help with the expenses of this symposium. We are fortunate to have a listing of the contributors to the last three symposia as well as a large number of suggestions of potential sponsors from a survey of the people on the Pteridine Symposia mailing list. Remarkably, the funds required appear to constantly increase. For example, the 7th Symposium required $80,000; the 8th, $100,000; the 9th, 120,000; and we are projecting the 10th at $140,000. Grant support has been requested from the NIH and the IUBMB.

The Organizing Committee for the 10th International Pteridine Symposium met today and noted that in precisely one year this meeting will be in progress. We also established a firm time-line and sequence for the large number of activities which must be accomplished if this Symposium is to maintain the level of excellence of its predecessors. It has been decided that our fund-raising efforts must be largely complete by June 1, 1992, in order to permit the setting of an appropriate registration fee, to be announced in our June mailing. It is important that the registration fee be kept to a reasonable level in order to encourage broad participation. This is particularly important for younger scientists as well as our international colleagues who will encounter steep travel expenses.

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Contributors of support for this Symposium will be acknowledged as sponsors in the program as well as the published proceedings. A review of the Table of Contents from the Proceedings of the Ninth Symposium, enclosed, will show that a broad spectrum of basic and clinical sciences involving the pterins and folic acid are covered. The clinical implications extend to cancer chemotherapy, immunology, Parkinson's disease, and cardiovascular diseases. I am also enclosing a listing of participants in the Ninth Symposium in order to convey the true international nature of this symposium and to demonstrate the breadth and quality of the scientific participants.

Please have checks drawn to the 10th International Pteridine Symposium and forwarded to me at this letterhead. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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